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Israel

Israel decided to immediately recall its ambassador from Vienna to protest Kurt Waldheim's election as president of Austria, IDF radio announced 9 June, noting that this "very harsh move" followed consultations in which Israeli officials embraced Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir's "firmer" stand on the Waldheim affair. The Foreign Ministry spokesman had earlier expressed "profound regret and disappointment" at Waldheim's election, according to Jerusalem television.

As for U.S.-Israeli relations and the Jonathan Pollard espionage affair, an 8 June Cabinet resolution said it is "inconceivable" that attempts to "sully" the atmosphere between Israel and the United States will be successful, noting that Israel takes a "serious view" of recent "unfounded reports about so-called Israeli espionage affairs and arms deals" and hopes such reports will not continue. The resolution, which was broadcast by Jerusalem radio, reaffirmed the Israeli Government's commitment to continue cooperating with the U.S. investigation into the Pollard affair, adding that Israel has dismantled the Israeli unit which "exceeded its authority" and which became "exposed" as a result of the affair. No espionage activities against the United States are being carried out on Israel's behalf, the resolution stressed.

In related comments reported by *MA'ARIV*, Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin accused "certain elements" in the U.S. Administration of being "out to get" Israel, and he emphasized that Pollard's espionage activities were a "deviation" carried out without the knowledge of the "political echelon." A high-level Israeli political source cited by *HADASHOT* said the Pollard affair is "finished" from Israel's point of view, stating that Israel has given the United States "all the information it asked for" and that "there can be no talk of extraditing Rafi Eytan," the head of the unit which employed Pollard.

Iran-Iraq War

Iran's telephone and telex links with foreign countries were cut when an antenna was hit in an 8 June Iraqi air raid on a communications center near Hamadan, IRNA announced, adding that repair work is underway to repair the damage. An Iraqi military communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio said Iraqi planes had launched a "destructive" raid on two "control and communications stations and their transmitters" in Asadabad, a small town west of Hamadan. Iraqi aircraft also raided Khark Island and hit a "large maritime target" off the Iranian coast 8 June, the communique stated, while the Iraqi Navy hit a "very large maritime target" near the Iranian coast the previous night. Lloyds of London confirmed that a Liberian-registered tanker was hit by missiles in the Gulf the night of 7 June, INA noted. Iraqi planes struck at another maritime target in the area 9 June, according to a military spokesman cited by Voice of the Masses radio.

Iranian aircraft were also in action over the weekend, according to reports cited by IRNA, which noted raids on Iraqi targets in the Al-Faw sector 6 and 8 June and in the Mehran sector 7 June. As for Iran's naval power, Tehran radio cited Navy Commander Captain Malekzadegan's disclosure that Iran plans to complete construction of a submarine in the "very near future" as a prototype has been tested and is now being completed. Malekzadegan also said Iran has thus far searched over 2,000 ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz, adding that this activity has been successful and the Iranians now come across very few ships carrying goods to Iraq.

Iranian Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani told Iranians in a Friday sermon reported by Tehran radio that they should prepare themselves to end the war "as soon as possible with victory" and that they should "no longer give any time" to the enemy. The war is Iran's "first priority" and those capable of bearing arms should be ready to do so, he added. The Majlis speaker also accused Iraq of preventing Muslims fighting Israel, a charge which the Iraqi National Assembly speaker rebutted in remarks cited by Voice of the Masses radio, asserting that Iraq is fully prepared to allow Iranian forces to cross Iraqi territory "with the aim of liberating Palestine" despite the continuation of the war.

In another development, Baghdad radio noted that senior Iraqi officials received Iranian Mojahedin-e Khalq leader Mas'ud Rajavi in Baghdad 7 June. Citing a statement by the National Council of Iranian Resistance, which is chaired by Rajavi, Radio Monte Carlo said that Rajavi transferred his headquarters from France to Iraq in accordance with a unanimous decision by the Council, adding that about 1,000 mojahedin also left Paris for Iraq recently in order to join Rajavi's supporters based on the Iranian border. The French foreign minister told Paris radio that Rajavi chose to leave France in light of the latter's intention to control his activities and prevent abuses of the right to political asylum. AFP said Rajavi left his headquarters near Paris following a police "raid" which observers viewed as a "goodwill gesture" to the authorities in Tehran. Noting Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz's arrival in Paris 8 June for talks with the French president and prime minister, the agency said the French are seeking to calm Iraqi fears about closer ties between France and Iran.

Syria's Relations With Iraq, Iran

Iraqi Foreign Minister Aziz confirmed in a magazine interview cited by the *JORDAN TIMES* that Iraqi and Syrian delegates will hold reconciliation talks later this month, but he said the talks are unlikely to change anything because the Syrians still lack "goodwill."

As for Syrian-Iranian relations, Damascus radio noted that President Hafiz al-Asad discussed regional developments and bilateral relations in talks with visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign

Minister Mohammad 'Ali Besharati 7 June. IRNA cited Besharati's remark at the talks that Syrian-Iranian ties are "firm and strategic."

Lebanon

Fighting continued 9 June along the Amal-Palestinian combat lines in the Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah areas, where 4 people were killed and 22 were wounded in clashes the previous day, according to Beirut radio. Meanwhile, the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio reported Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Besharati's arrival in Beirut 8 June. In another diplomatic development, President Amin al-Jumayyil met with Iraqi Foreign Minister 'Aziz during a visit to Bucharest over the weekend, Voice of Lebanon radio disclosed, noting 'Aziz's statement that the talks were "fraternal and far-reaching." As for Al-Jumayyil's talks with Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, "well-informed sources" cited by KUNA said the Lebanese president asked Ceausescu to convey a message to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking the USSR to play a greater role in ending the Lebanese civil war.

Libya

Two Libyans accused of attempting to bomb a U.S. officers club in Ankara were each sentenced to 5-year jail terms, the Turkish agency ANATOLIA reported. Ankara radio revealed that diplomatic immunity precluded the trial in absentia of three other Libyans connected with the incident. Libya has decided to recall its ambassador to Turkey in response to the verdicts, according to an "Arab diplomatic source" cited by AFP. "Sources" at the Libyan People's Bureau in Ankara cited in the same report refused to comment on the ambassador's recall but divulged that 40 members of the Bureau will be sent home in July for "financial reasons."

In a separate development, Libya's delegate to the United Nations 'Ali 'Abd al-Salam al-Turayki declared Libya's readiness for a dialogue with the United States to "normalize" bilateral relations, in an interview with the UAE paper *AL-ITTIHAD* reported by Kuwait radio. Al-Turayki declared that ties would improve only if the United States drops its support for Israel and "changes" its stand on Middle East problems.

Sudan

Prime Minister al-Sadiq al-Mahdi contended that the Armed Forces are in "full control" of the main cities and important establishments in the south, according to SUNA. However, he acknowledged the existence of "certain disturbances" in the countryside due to SPLA attacks. In action in the south, the clandestine SPLA radio asserted that government forces withdrew to Madani from Ora District in anticipation of an SPLA attack there.

An SPLA radio commentary termed the existing government an "antipeople" regime intent upon protecting its sectarian interests, deriding the government's "insidious" scheme of military preparedness and "cosmetic" changes to shari'ah law, and contrasting this with the SPLA's "genuine peace propositions."

PDRY

PDRY leader Haydar Abu Bakr al-'Attas has escaped three assassination attempts, former PDRY Minister Muhammad Salim 'Akkush claimed in a statement to the UAE paper *AL-ITTIHAD*. 'Akkush referred to an "acute power struggle" between the military and political leaderships, which he said arose from the political leadership's decision to grant a general amnesty to those who fled the country following the events of 13 January and to release detainees. In an another development, the paper reported that PDRY aircraft raided villages in Abyan Governorate, killing 8 persons and wounding more than 30 others.

Bahrain-Qatar

An "informed Qatari source" told *AL-ITTIHAD* that a tripartite ministerial committee comprising Qatar, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia will be formed to discuss all aspects of the Qatari-Bahraini dispute following the conclusion of the supervisory commission's work. The source revealed that Qatar will demand international arbitration if the committee fails to resolve the dispute.

DRA

The rebel-run Afghan Islamic Press cited by AFP claimed that Afghan rebels using a SAM-7 missile downed a Soviet transport plane shortly after take-off from Shindand air base 27 May, killing 158 troops on board, and destroyed 6 helicopters and 2 jets 30 May in a missile attack on the same air base.

Pakistan

Karachi radio reported that 4 persons died and 40 others were injured, some critically, after a car bomb detonated in Peshawar 7 June. "Official sources" cited by AFP spoke of over 30 injured and 5 dead in the explosion, and stated that the blast occurred in front of the Afghan consulate in Peshawar. The report revealed that officials "suspect" Afghan nationals to be behind the incident.

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Najibullah Visits War-Wounded in Hospital

LD081814 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] This afternoon, Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, visited patients in the hospital of the Armed Forces' Medical Science Academy. Having presented gifts and flowers to them, he congratulated them on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr. A radio-television reporter says that on Najibullah's arrival at the hospital, a number of officials and doctors at the hospital welcomed him.

While visiting the hospital Comrade Najibullah talked to the patients and assured them that the PDPA, the noble people of Afghanistan, the country, and glorious April Revolution will never forget the memory of courage and heroism of such men as you.

In response, each one of the patients in the hospital, expressing their great love for the homeland and the revolution, congratulated Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, and pledged that they will return to the sacred trenches to defend the homeland and revolution after their recovery and fight to the end to ensure overall peace and to defend the high objectives of the glorious April Revolution.

Major General Nazar Muhammad, minister of defense; Major General Sayyed Muhammed Gulabzoy, minister of internal affairs; and Major General Ghulam Faruq Yaqubi, DRA minister of state security, accompanied Comrade Najibullah when he visited the hospital.

BAKHTAR Cites Karmal Speech on 'Id al-Fitr

LD071906 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Speech by Babrak Karmal, DRA Revolutionary Council president and PDPA Central Committee Politburo member, on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, date and place not given — live or recorded]

[Excerpts] Kabul, 7 Jun (BAKHTAR) — Noble compatriots, toiling Muslims of the country: On bahalf of the DRA Revolutionary Council and myself, I congratulate you all — Afghan compatriots — fraternal Pashtun and Baluch people, our neighbors, and all toiling Muslims of the world, and express my heartfelt best wishes for your good health and prosperity, and prosperity of your family, who have completed the holy month of Ramadan and observed the duty of the holy fasting with success and pride.

Dear compatriots: The enemies of the revolution, who are in fact the enemies of our people and their prosperity, as well as the irreconcilable enemy of progress and development of our country, are creating barriers against these objectives and our aspirations by starting and continuing the undeclared war.

International imperialism, headed by U.S. imperialism, the oppressive generals ruling Pakistan, and the the terrorist and repressive regime of Iran are fanning the war of fratricide in our beloved country by using the counterrevolutionaries — the enemies of freedom and independence of the revolutionary Afghanistan — by spending millions of dollars and deceiving a number of our compatriots. They are hindering the April 1 Revolution, particularly in its new development stage, from realizing its objective in the shortest possible time, blossoming over the homeland, helping the compatriots prosper, and establishing peace and security.

We will continue our struggle with even more energy and ability towards the restoration of peace and security in the country and in the region, and for further broadening the social pillars of the just and new system. We do not want the war of fratricide to continue in our heroic country. Therefore, in order to follow this sacred, humane and Islamic aspiration, once again on the occasion of the auspicious 'Id-al Fitr and in accordance with the philosophy of the Koran, we ask you, toiling Muslims and in particular, the ulema and clergy, patriotic leaders of the tribes and all credible social figures of the country, to discharge your patriotic role with decisiveness in order to end the war of fratricide and restore peace and security nation-wide. The revolutionary government will resolutely support all your initiatives and activities in this respect.

Here I deem it necessary to declare once again to those of our compatriots who, due to the wishes of reaction and imperialism, are still embarking on sabotage and murder from the trenches of the counterrevolution against our fatherland — revolutionary Afghanistan — to perceive the humanitarian objectives of the 1 April Revolution and to stop their hostility against the homeland and compatriots: Lay down your weapons and use your energy for the progress and blossoming of the homeland. The revolutionary government, in accordance with the amnesty decree of the Revolutionary Council, will accept you with open arms: Let us make this 'Id the genuine 'Id of prosperity for our people in this whole land of ours and bring peace, security and prosperity to the people as a gift. Here, in order to express goodwill in accordance with the decree of the Revolutionary Council Presidium, once again we announce the release of a number of prisoners on the occasion of the auspicious 'Id-al Fitr.

Moreover, I regard it as my duty to point out to those of our compatriots who are living in poverty and humiliation in foreign lands far away from the bosom of the homeland that 'Id is a real 'Id in the ancestors' and fathers' land, among relations and relatives, at home and in the dwellings. The homeland feels your pain and suffering. Hence, the bosom of the motherland with enormous love is open for you. You, with your solidarity should crush the barriers created before you by the oppressive regimes of Pakistan and Iran. No longer allow the chieftains of the counterrevolutionaries to continue their arrogance and easy life at the price of your poverty, blood and sons, or to increase their multi-million dollar income.

Being in the bosom of the motherland will make you and your sons prosperous and change your 'Id into a real 'Id and a genuine festival. The 1 April Revolution, as a matter of fact, succeeded for this purpose, that is to say, to secure prosperity for the compatriots and to develop the country.

Religious and noble compatriots: At the end of my talk once again from the bottom of my heart I congratulate you on the auspicious 'Id-al-Fitr and wish great prosperity for you and for your patriotic role in the accomplishment of the tasks that rest on you for the homeland and history. Success comes from God.

Prisoners Pardoned on 'Id al-Fitr

LD062135 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] The DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium has remitted the terms of a number of men and women prisoners in the capital and in the provinces of the country. The text of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium statement on the remittance of the terms of prisoners on the occasion of the auspicious days of 'Id al-Fitr, Kabul city, 5 June 1986 follows:

The DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium, in honor of the auspicious day of 'Id al-Fitr and for humanitarian reasons, on the basis of section VI, Article 43 of the DRA Basic Principles approves the following:

1. All prisoners who have prison terms of 6 months or less on the date of approval of this decree will be pardoned and released;
2. The release of people covered by clause of this decree is effective from 7 June 1986;
3. This decree does not apply to the following prisoners:

A. Those who have been convicted of crimes of terrorism and sabotage, murder, armed robbery, highway robbery, embezzlement of more than 10,000 Afghanis, and membership of counterrevolutionary bands such as Jamiyat-e Eslami, Harakat-e Eslami, and Maoist groups;

B. Convicted persons who have benefited from remittance by previous decrees.

[Signed] Babrak Karmal, President of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium

Defense Minister Addresses Qandahar Military Corps

LD081706 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] The leading officials of Qandahar Military Corps held a meeting to assess combat and political training and security issues. Major General Nazar Muhammad, candidate member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and minister of defense, informed those attending the meeting of their duties and responsibilities regarding the requirements of the 17th and 18th party plenums. Assessing the work of the session, the defense minister issued specific instructions for the elimination of shortcomings and deficiencies.

Maj Gen Nazar Muhammad, together with Maj Gen Gol Haq Ulomi, commander of the Qandahar Military Corps, also visited the memorial of the martyrs on the path of the revolution and, after praying for them, laid wreaths at the memorial.

AFP: Mujahidin Claim Rocket Attack Successes

BK081410 Hong Kong AFP in English 1353 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] Islamabad, June 8 (AFP) — Afghan mujahidin rebels downed a Soviet transport plane, killing 158 troops on board, and destroyed eight warplanes, in rocket and missile attacks in western Afghanistan in late May, the rebel-run AFGHAN ISLAMIC PRESS (AIP) said here Sunday. The Moslem guerrillas used a Soviet-made SAM-7 missile to down the transport plane shortly after it took off from Shindand Air Base on May 27, AIP said. Three civilians were also killed when part of the wreckage fell on their home, it added.

The following day, rebels equipped with 107-mm rockets attacked the governor's residence and offices of the KHAD, the Afghan secret police, inside the town of Farah, 100 kilometers (60 miles) to the south, killing nine soldiers and KHAD agents, the agency said.

On May 30, AIP said, six military helicopters and two jets were destroyed when rebels fired a volley of 60 rockets at Shindand, causing a fire that also destroyed an oil tank and more than a dozen tanks and military vehicles. AIP said Afghan artillery opened retaliatory fire, killing three civilians at a place about 10 kilometers (six miles) from the base. Independent confirmation of the claims was not immediately available.

In June last year, mujahidin guerrillas, in connivance with some Afghan soldiers destroyed some 20 parked aircraft at Shindand. The attack resulted in a number of court martials and, reportedly, several executions of soldiers for dereliction of duty.

President Returns Home From Bhutan 6 June

BK061720 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] President Ershad returned home a short while ago after ending a 4-day state visit to Bhutan. The president, who was scheduled to return this morning, could not fly due to inclement weather in Bhutan.

Communique Issued on Visit

BK070723 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Bangladesh and Bhutan have reaffirmed their conviction that the SAARC [South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation] will contribute significantly to the creation of conditions conducive to peace, progress, and prosperity in the region. The reaffirmation was contained in a joint communique issued simultaneously from Dhaka and Thimpu last night on completion of the 4-day state visit of President Ershad to Bhutan.

The two countries noted with satisfaction that successful launching of SAARC in Dhaka in December last year has (?received) a very positive response from other countries and international and regional organizations. President Ershad and King Wangchuk of Bhutan observed that SAARC activities are progressing satisfactorily in all areas of cooperation and once the secretariat is established and becomes functional there will be even quicker and further development of its activities.

The communique said the two leaders reviewed the entire range of bilateral relations and expressed satisfaction at its steady growth both in content and [word indistinct]. They expressed satisfaction that an air service and an agreement on cultural cooperation was signed during the visit.

President Ershad and King Wangchuk reiterated their support to the UN declaration on the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace and also on early convening of a conference on the Indian Ocean scheduled to be held in Colombo.

Expressing concern at the situation in Afghanistan and Kampuchea, the two leaders called for immediate withdrawal of foreign troops and creation of conditions to enable their people to determine their own destiny.

They also reviewed the situation in the Middle East and reiterated that a comprehensive solution of the problem can be achieved on the basis of Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and the restoration of the rights of Palestinian under the PLO leadership. They appealed to the warring parties in the Iran-Iraq war to stop immediately all [words indistinct] and expressed their support to all efforts to achieve this objective.

While reviewing the situation in southern Africa, President Ershad and King Wangchuk expressed their continued solidarity with the heroic Namibian people in their legitimate struggle for independence. They condemned the policy of apartheid practiced by the Pretoria regime and renewed their support to a political, economic, and social emancipation of the South African people.

The two leaders also reviewed the current global economic situation and reaffirmed their commitment to the establishment of a new international economic order in favor of least developing countries.

Further Reportage on Golden Temple, Punjab Situation

Five Killed in Amritsar District

BK070639 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab five persons were killed and three injured in four separate incidents of terrorist activities last night. Three persons were killed when suspected terrorists opened fire in the Green Market in village Chola Saheb under Sahrauli police station in Amritsar District. Two policemen were injured in the exchange of fire which followed. The culprits, however, managed to escape.

In Patiala, a motorcyclist was shot dead by some unidentified gunmen. The victim has been identified as an Iranian student.

In Ludhianna, a doctor was shot dead by two unidentified armed youths near his clinic on Sangrala road. In the fourth incident one person was seriousiy injured when he was fired at by two suspected terrorists in Green Avenue localitiy in Amritsar.

Meanwhile, a congregation sponsored by the United Akali Dal and the All India Sikh Students Federation-Manjit Singh group was held in Majji Saheb in the Golden Temple complex yesterday. The congregation adopted a number of resolutions including one appreciating the action of some Akali Dal legislators in forming a separate group in the state legislative assembly.

Further on Iranian Student's Death

BK070856 Hong Kong AFP in English 0847 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] New Delhi, June 7 (AFP) — An Iranian student was shot dead by two unidentified men near a university in the troubled northern state of Punjab, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported Saturday. The Iranian, identified as Rahim, was shot and killed in Patiala where he had gone to apply for admission to Punjabi University, PTI said.

One of the two assailants, both of whom fled after the shooting, was believed to have delivered a letter to Rahim earlier in the day from a Swedish woman, police told PTI. Police said the woman had written Rahim that she was unable to visit him but was sending the letter through and Indian friend. No further details about the incident were immediately available.

More Paramilitary Forces Dispatched

BK071616 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Punjab has requisitioned 24 more companies of paramilitary forces to effectively deal with the law and order situation in the state. An official spokesman told our Chandigarh correspondent that 10 companies have already arrived and the remaining are likely to reach the state within a day or so. Two hundred and twenty two companies are already deployed in the state.

The spokesman said that for better coordination and effective command and control, the BSF [Border Security Force] will be deployed in Gurdaspur District and the CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] in Amritsar District to assist the district administration in curbing terrorist activity.

As already reported, 10 persons were killed in five incidents of terrorist activity in the state last night. Eight of them were killed in Amritsar District alone and one each in Patiala and Ludhiana city.

Meanwhile, the Punjab chief minister, Mr Surijit Singh Barnala has held discussions in Amritsar with senior civil and police officers on the law and order situation in the district.

'Suspected Terrorists' Kill 3

BK080850 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab, three persons were killed and two injured in separate incidents. Two persons were killed and one injured when three scooter-borne suspected terrorists opened indiscriminate fire in village Haruwal near Batala in Gurdaspur District this morning. The police have cordoned off the area and the search for the culprits is on.

In another incident one person was killed and one seriously injured by three armed gunmen near Dharampur village in Ferozepore District last night.

New Assignments for Police Chiefs

BK080926 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Excerpt] The director general of Punjab Police has been declared ex-officio director general of BSF [Border Security Force] and CRPF [Central Reserve Police Force] units deployed in the state. Stating this to the All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent this morning, the director general of Punjab police, Mr Rebeiro, said the inspector general of BSF has been posted in Gurdaspur and the inspector general of CRPF in Amritsar. They have been made ex-officio inspectors general of Punjab police and made overall in charge of operations against terrorists in their respective districts.

Mr Rebeiro said all the sensitive villages in Amritsar and Gurdaspur Districts have been identified and one platoon of paramilitary forces will be permanently posted in each of these villages. While one section of such platoon will always remain in the villages, the other two sections will carry out patrolling in areas around the villages.

Future of Chandigarh Decided

BK061625 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] Punjab and Haryana have agreed in principle that the Haryana government will continue to function at Chandigarh even after the city is transferred to Punjab on the 21st of this month. This was decided by the chief ministers of the two states

when they met the union home minister, Mr Buta Singh, in New Delhi this evening.

Both Mr Barnala and Mr Bansi Lal agreed that the Haryana government will continue to function at Chandigarh for a period of 5 years or till such time the new capital is ready. During the meeting they discussed the modalities for the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab and the transfer of certain Hindi-speaking areas of Punjab to Haryana. Both the chief ministers assured the home minister of full cooperation in completing the legislated and constutional requirements needed for the transfer of Chandigarh.

Mr Buta Singh apprised the chief ministers the various issues on which decisions will have to be taken through mutual consultations for finalizing the modalities of transfer. He also impressed on them the tight time schedule under which these have to be completed.

It was decided that efforts should be made at the official level to sort out the issues and the matters that required decision at the political level should be placed before the home minister and the chief ministers. For this purpose, the home secretary will hold immediate consultations with the chief secretary of Haryana and the financial commissioner of Punjab.

Police Firing in Belgaum, Karnataka Kills 3

BK061619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] In Karnataka, three persons were killed and several injured when police opened fire at Belagundi near Belgaum City this evening to disperse a mob which attacked the police with firearms. According to official sources, the 5,000 strong mob was heading toward the nearby (Nakasukuppa) dam. The dam's reservoir stores drinking water for supply to Belgaum City and surrounding areas. The city has been going without water for the last 5 days as the supply system was damaged by miscreants. The situation is reported to be tense but under control. Police reinforcements have been rushed to the area.

In another incident, one person was injured when police opened fire to disperse a mob which attacked a police officer on duty on the outskirts of Belgaum City.

Strike Partially Successful

BK070916 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] In Karnataka, the situation in Belgaum city and neighborhood was tense but under control this morning following yesterday's police firing. One person was injured at Benami village near Belgaum this morning when police opened fire in self-defense. According to official sources, the incident occured when a police party was attacked by a big mob with lethal weapons while it was returning to Belgaum after clearing the road blocks at a water reservoir. In another incident, police foiled an attempt to set fire to a post office building. However, three shops were gutted in another incident of arson.

Meanwhile, 51 persons led by Maharashtra Janta MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Mr Dobe coming from Pune were arrested by the police at (Ghatakprabha) railway station this morning. They were proceeding to Khanapur to offer satyagraha [peaceful protest] launched by Samjukta Maharashtra Shima Samiti in protest against compulsory teaching of Kannada [language] in schools in border areas of the state.

Meanwhile, the bundh [strike] call given by the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti today to protest against yesterday's police firing evoked a partial response. Auto-rickshaws and taxis are plying and shops and business establishments are open. However, city buses are not plying as they have been withdrawn from the road as a precautionary measure.

3 Extremists Killed in Tripura; Arms Recovered

BK090315 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 9 Jun 86

[Text] In Tripura, three extremists were killed in an exchange of fire with police in Udaipur, about 35 km from Agartala, last night. The inspector general of police of Tripura, Mr H.C. (?Jacob), told All India Radio Agartala correspondent that the firing took place when a police party intercepted a jeep in which the extremists were traveling. Police recovered seven guns and other ammunition from them. One police constable sustained (?serious) injuries.

PAKISTAN

4 Dead, 40 Injured in Peshawar Bomb Explosion

BK071522 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1514 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Four persons, including a child, were killed and 40 others injured in a bomb explosion in the Qissa Khawani bazaar in Peshawar this morning. Some of the injured are in critical condition. The injured persons were immediately rushed to the Lady Reading hospital. The explosion caused severe damage to the adjacent buildings and four cars parked on the road were destroyed. The bomb was hidden in a Suzuki car. The Northwest Frontier Province chief minister, Arbab Mohammad Jahangir Khan, visited the site of explosion and assured that the government will not flinch from its responsibility in protecting the lives and property of the people. Later, the chief minister visited the Lady Reading hospital and inquired about the injured.

AFP: Bomb Near Afghan Consulate

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[Excerpt] Islamabad, June 7 (AFP) — A car bomb in front of a building occupied by the Afghan consulate's staff killed five people and wounded more than 30 in the crowded Qissa Khawani bazaar of the bordering Pakistani town Peshawar, official sources said. The incident took place a few hours after a mysterious fire broke out earlier in an underground oil storage forcing population to vacate the area located in the outskirts of Peshawar, the sources said. Official sources said the fire was still raging 10 hours after but caused no casualties. According to local sources there was little possibility of saying 36,000 gallons of petroleum stored in the underground tanks when the fire broke out.

SRI LANKA

Jayewardene To Spell Out Tamil Policy in Address

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[Text] The Sri Lankan president will address a special session of parliament to explain the latest developments on the ethnic crisis. President Jayewardene is expected to announce measures which will be adopted by the government in its attempt to solve the problem. The Sri Lankan parliament meets next Thursday [12 June]. All aspects of the problem will be dealt with during the course of his speech, a Colombo daily reports today. This will be followed by an address to the nation by the president. The proposed conference of all registered political parties will be reconvened after the presidential address to the parliament. Our Colombo correspondent Plaban Maujumder understands that the Sri Lankan president will spell out the amount of concession in various forms which he is prepared to give to the Tamil minorities and will ask all the parties at the proposed all-party conference to support his measures.

Meanwhile, two bombs exploded in Colombo yesterday, one at a (?Siva) temple causing injuries to one person, and another at a railway yard destroying a stationary coach. In the northern Kilinochchi District curfew continued throughout the day yesterday as the militants engaged security forces in a fierce battle. The National Security Ministry spokesman said that 12 militants and 1 armyman were killed.

Prime Minister Speaks on Terrorism in Parliament

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[Excerpt] Prime Minister R. Premadasa said yesterday that the government is not prepared to bring this country under control of any world power. In winding up the debate in Parliament on the present situation in the country, he explained that terrorism in Sri Lanka is part of the international terrorism network. If not for the support extended by Tamil Nadu, the terrorists would not be as powerful as they are today. There is no doubt about Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's good intentions. However, they should understand that the political situation in Tamil Nadu had undergone a change at the time Rajiv Gandhi was elected to power.

Minister of National Security Lalith Athulathmudali told the Parliament that a special program has been drawn up to protect the Colombo City from terrorist activity. Parliament was told yesterday that (?a big) land had been purchased in the neighborhood of Colombo to construct an underground store to collect weapons. This information transpired during an investigation into the large haul of explosives detected in Colombo recently.

Minister of National Security Lalith Athulathmudali also said that a well known personality, who attempted to smuggle 2.7 million rupees in U.S. dollars, was taken into custody under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. This individual had attempted to smuggle 1 million rupees worth of (?gems) as well.

Security Minister on Separate Tamil State

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[Text] The minister of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, said that government will never allow the setting up of Eelam [separate Tamil state] or even a total federal system no matter how many bombs the terrorists explode. Speaking at the end of the 122d mahapola in Kurunagala yesterday, Mr Athulathmudali pointed out that the terrorists seek to arouse the Sinhala people through their bombing campaign. However, the people will not succumb to this plan. He said the final solution to the current problem is a political one and for this reason we should win over world opinion.

The minister stated that the only way the security forces could avoid landmines was to travel on foot. He added that the soldiers at the battle front should survive to see victory.

Referring to recent events in Kilinochchi, Mr Athulathmudali disclosed that there had been face to face fighting between the security forces and the terrorists. He said the terrorists had blown up several bridges as they fled the security forces. It is the people

of Kilinochchi who will be inconvenienced by them. Speaking further, the minister said that closing schools and offices through fear of bomb explosions was no solution to the problem. He added that people should be alert at all time.

350 Tamils Taken Into Custody in Colombo

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[Text] Over 350 Tamils, unable to igve a satisfactory explanation of their presence in Colombo, have been taken to custody yesterday by the police which conducted a massive sweep of several city neighborhoods, IGP [Inspector General of Police] Cyril Herath said yesterday. A force of 600 policemen supervised by senior officers handled this operation, which began after midnight Wednesday and ended early yesterday morning. The IGP said that his men had done some good work and explosive haul in recent weeks in (Kotohena), (Alawa) and (Malikakanda) had prevented major disasters.

Further on 'Terrorist' Attack in Trincomalee

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[Text] Terrorists attacked the two small villages in the Trincomalee District yesterday killing 18 people. At (Andapuram), 3 miles away from Trincomalee town, terrorists killed two farmers and burned eight houses and two trucks. In the second village — (Mihindipura) — close to an irrigation reservoir, 15 females were killed and their bodies were yesterday identified. The deputy inspector general of north central region, Willi Samarawikrema, said the victims were at the tank, some harvesting lotus seeds and the others bathing when the attackers shot them at (?mere) pointing blank range. According to the police the attackers had arrived only on Wednesday but had left on spotting the police. Police have also said they have reports that a monk at a neighboring temple was also missing. The security forces are combing the area in an effort to apprehend the gang.

Meanwhile, the curfew imposed at Kilinochchi at 1400 [0830 GMT] yesterday was lifted at 0900 [0330 GMT] today. The terrorists had attacked the Kilinochchi army camp early yesterday. At least six are dead and many more wounded. The wounded are reported to have sought treatment at the Kilinochchi hospital.

Monk Killed in Andankulam Attack

BK071233 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Sixteen Sinhalese refugees were shot in cold blood by terrorists in Andankulam in Trincomalee district on Wednesday evening. China Bay police said these 16 persons comprised 2 adults, 3 boys, 8 women and 3 senior children camping in a refugee camp in Koddiyar. They had on Wednesday gone to Andankulam to pick all [words indistinct]. This had been their mode of existence, police said.

Around 1635 on Wednesday a party of terrorists had walked up to the tent and shot all of them. A police party from China Bay rushed to the scene by which time the terrorists had disappeared. A temple and (?five) houses in Andankulam had also been damaged as a result of terrorist attack.

The body of Venerable (Bathumuni Sadhalankara), reported missing after terrorist attack on Andankulam, was floating in the lake yesterday. Police said that the dead monk had gunshot injuries on his head.

12 'Terrorists' Killed in Kilinochchi

BK071205 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Twelve Marxist oriented separatist terrorists were killed when they attempted ot ambush a security forces patrol which was out since Thursday night searching for terrorists in Kilinochchi. Security sources told LANKA PUWATH that during the encounter a number of other terrorists were also injured. One soldier was killed and four others injured.

Khomeyni Delivers 'Id al-Fitr Speech 9 June

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[22-minute speech by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, marking 'Id al-Fitr, to military and civilian officials, the president and Islamic ambassadors in Tehran, at the Jamaran Mosque on 9 June — recorded]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I hope that this blessed festival will prove to be a true and great one for all Muslims. I hope that, as far as the Iranian nation is concerned, God's blessing will embrace it. This will become possible when man manages to satisfy God and improve his innermost aspect. What concerns this world is ephemeral, it is short-lived. Victories, defeats, pleasures and otherwise will not last but a few days. What is permanent is our innermost gains. You must accept that He controls everything, that we are nothing. You must believe that we fall short of giving thanks for God's blessing.

Despite all the blessing of the month of Ramadan, we nevertheless fail to five enough thanks for it. We must all try to maintain the state, brought about by this month, until the next Ramadan. If we fail to achieve this state, then we should regret it; we must try to achieve such a state. These events are transitory; what remains is what we preserve within us; that is what which stays with us. We must try to improve our own inner aspects. Thank God, our country, your country, is today of this nature.

What I wish to say is that the steps taken by the people alongside the [words indistinct] and in an apparent manner, particularly what our young people have achieved in the fronts, as well as Jerusalem Day, which I noticed was greater than last year's — something which one cannot do enough to appreciate — render us dutybound. They increase our duties. They double the duty of the legislative body; the same thing applies to the executive and the judicial areas. The duty of eminent clergy increases. We cannot do enough to give thanks for all our blessings; nevertheless we must, as much as we can, express our gratitude. Voicing our gratitude is not enough just to say: Thanks be to God. [illegible] e, it is one way of expressing thanks. A proper thanksgiving is to recognize the nation's status; it is to bear in mind what goes on along the front and behind it, for (?they have proved themselves).

God knows, whenever I see our young people going quite enthusiastically to the fronts I feel ashamed of myself. What am I? What are we? During the 80-odd years I have lived [as heard] I have not served as much as the few days they have served. We were preparing ourselves. I am past it, but you [sounds of crying] must make a point of improving yourselves; you must make a point of (?not becoming too attached to this world). You must remember that we are all mortals, that we must draw closer to God Almighty so that He may accept us.

Note the (?action) of the immaculates. These are the lashes being dealt us. The immaculates who, we believe, are innocent of any mistake; see how (?they act). The fact is that the issue at stake is grave. No matter what height man reaches, the rank of the last of the prophets [Prophet Muhammad] is the highest. However, when [words indistinct] it would by infinitesimal. [Words indistinct] Note the nature of prayers of the master of the faithfuls, the prophet himself, and Imam Sajjad — peace be upon him. Note the knowledge used in these prayers; this is the knowledge of which we are deprived. Note the passion in them; they who were burning for God and [words indistinct]. These are the things they comprehended and we failed to comprehend.

At present we have many obligations. We are faced with a nation which is giving its all to Islam, sacrificing its youths and the youths giving their lives. Women give their dear young children, who go to the fronts with such enthusiasm. People are making sacrifices on the fronts and behind the lines with such enthusiasm. What our our obligations here? What should our response be to all the sacrifices the people make? What do we have to give in reply? We should do whatever we can. The notion of nationalism does not mean that we should consider the people as a major partner in our government. Rather, the government should serve the nation, these youths, the old people, men and women. People should participate in all affairs. The government on its own is not able to bear the burden, which is at present on the shoulders of the nation.

As you have witnessed, if it was not for the enthusiasm of the nation and our dear youths, no government would have been able to fight against powers which gathered their might and forces together to attack us. Without the help of the nation we would not have been able to do anything. What ever we have achieved has been because of the nation. Whatever we have is theirs. The government, the judicial branch, the executive branch, the legislative branch, are all agents working for them, carrying out their duties. People should be allowed to participate in all affairs. Just as people's participation in the war brought you victory — God willing you will be even more victorious — it is only with people's participation that you can run the country. Allow people to participate in affairs, in commerce, in all matters. Let them participate in cultural affairs. Do not create obstacles if people want to build their own schools. Of course, supervision is essential, criticism is needed as well, but obstacles should not be created. You should consider yourselves equals of the people and should maintain this equality. It has only been through maintaining this equality that you have reached this point, and you should keep this equality to make progress. If, God forbid, this equality is harmed — in Tehran itself our outside Tehran, wherever — equality among the clergy, the people, among various factions, then defeat will result.

You should realize that you are guardians of Islam, not yourselves. You should protect Islam, but not according to your own assumptions, in the same way that the great prophets tried to guard the way even after their death. It is a duty for all of us to protect this republic, which has come so far, to the end. In order to protect it to the end we need to strengthen our equality day by day. We should not allow Islam or Islam's republic to suffer any harm over trivial and passing matters. If there are any shortcomings in us or others they should be pointed out. But the government, the legislative branch, the judicial branch or the clergy should not be weakened in the process. Such a deed would be an offence, an unforgiveable sin.

You should pay attention, our nation should pay attention to the fact that if the 40 million people unite, no power can defeat them.

No power can fight against a nation which is united and together. That is why satans are trying to create discord among factions. But you should not pay any attention to these satans. You gentlemen should not pay any attention to the satans who a're trying to create discord in our cities. You should be strong; support each other. The nation and the government should be together. The nation should support the government in its affairs. The government should serve the nation. People should be free to have their own universities. But the government should supervise; the government's supervision is essential. But you should not imagine that the government can do everything by itself. You see that it is not able to do so. Everyone admits this; the government has admitted it and everyone else had admitted to the fact that without the nation they are unable to do anything. You should try and keep this nation on your side.

The clergy are dutybound, and they are aware of the fact that they are dutybound to guard Islam. Guarding Islam can only be achieved by maintaining unity, which they should do. It is essential for everyone to guard this unity and to keep the people on their side. If in one of the towns a dispute is created, people should know that Satan has a hand in it. They should resolve it quickly and should not allow any disputes to remain unsolved in a town or a village. Our brothers, the clergy, should be strong and united. They should not stay on the sidelines; rather, they should be in the arena together. They should guard Islam. Islam cannot be guarded if they stay on the sidelines. You should not think that by staying out you can forego your duties. No, your duties will be doubled. You should remain in the arena; all clergymen should be in the arena.

[Words indistinct] is one of its scientific results which does not allow people to stay together. You should join your forces together, the armed forces, the Guards Corps, the Mobilization Force and other popular forces should stay together. If they do so then the God Almighty will help them. God's assistance comes from working together to please God. Everyone should work to strengthen Islam and exapnd it to other parts of the world. This is the way God helps you. God has promised to help those who help themselves. There was a time when the situation was chaotic and everything was in ruins, but — thank God — everything is now proper and right. All aspects are taken care of, the fronts of the light are strong. Domestic and international affairs are put right. But people should pay attention to the fact that they should support the ruling quarters, and the government should serve the people. May God save us all from Satan; may God grant all of us the power to fight the self, to fight our ego and to correct ourselves. Peace be upon you all.

President Khamene'i Delivers Friday Prayer Sermons
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[Text] In Tehran this morning the glorious ceremonies of auspicious 'Id al-Fitr prayers were led by Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. A large number of the faithful, monotheistic and ever-present people of this city participated at Tehran's large place of prayers.

During the first sermon Hojjat ol-Eslam Khamene'i extended his congratulations on the occasion of the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr to all Muslims of the world, enumerated the virtues of the holy month of Ramadan, and described the affects of the holy month of Ramadan as a reminder of its importance. At the conclusion of the first sermon, he recommended virtue to the people and emphasized the importance of divine virtue in everyday life.

During the second sermon he noted the celebrations of the International Jerusalem Day throughout the world and pointed to the extensive presence of the brave Iranian 'ummah during International Jerusalem Day. He said: This year's Jerusalem Day was also the scene for affirming the great power and faith of our people. The problem of Jerusalem was revived as you showed such great representation in the streets of Tehran and other cities. Although the news agencies of the world's Zionist networks do not permit your closed fists and loud chants to be completely seen by the nations, the effects of this great movement — carried out to support the oppressed Palestinian nation — will no doubt find it's way into the hearts, the souls, and the minds of the people of the world.

Mr Khamene'i added: We regret that those who should be standing among the Iranian people to show the greatness of Islam in connection with the Palestinian problem are not doing so. However, we do not expect anything from the criminal rulers who are obviously and officially carrying out evil relations with the occupiers. The leaders of countries such as Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco, for us, are considered the same as Israel and the Zionists. However, we expect the leaders of Islamic countries to at least allow the chants of the Iranian nation and the brave sound of this great nation [Palestine] to reach their people willing to express a presence in such an Islamic event, so that world oppression does not come to believe that the problem of Palestine has been forgotten and erased.

Mr Khamene'i continued: World oppression today acts in way to allow the problem of Palestine to be forgotten and to cause even the names of Palestine and the holy city of Jerusalem, which is the name of the struggle for freedom, never to be mentioned. Countinuing his speech, he added: Your glorious exhibition proved that you are standing firmly for the goals of this revolution. The chants you started for the war are the same that shake the supporters of Saddam's dying regime. They are afraid because the Iranian nation does not tire of the war and because it is ready to defend and resist until the end of this imposed war.

The head of the Supreme Defense Council emphasized: It is the duty of us all to mobilize all of our forces and possibilities to end this great experience of the revolution and the Iranian nation. We must end the task. God willing, with the grace of God and the assistance of you, the people, and your presence, particularly during Jerusalem Week and the week to announce practical readiness on the war fronts, we will complete the task.

The head of the Supreme Defence Council then addressed a large number of worshippers of the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr. He said: We must resort to the Great God. God willing, the great power of the revolution will end the task and the Great God will bring this nation victory. We hope that this victory and that shining great day will arrive very soon.

Prime Minister Addresses Jerusalem Day Gathering

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[Excerpts] Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi, addressing a huge gathering of the people of Tehran on the occasion of Jerusalem Day, and preceding the Friday prayers sermons while referring to the 5 June uprising and explaining that some identical goals lie behind the slogans of 5 June International Jerusalem Day, stated: 5 June is a basis for the victory of the Islamic revolution, and the Islamic revolution is the basis for the victory for Islamic nations. If the 5 June movement had not occurred, it would be impossible today to have hopes for the liberation of Jerusalem.

The prime minister added: The slogan of liberating Jerusalem and occupied Palestine is part of the identity of our Islamic revolution. This issue cannot be separated from the Islamic revolution as without this idea an Islamic revolution cannot be realized in our country; if it does not contain these ideas it will lose its influence inside and outside the country.

The prime minister then described the goals of leadership within the declaration of International Jerusalem Day, stressing the point that an Islamic nation cannot succeed on its own unless it links its destiny to that of 1 billion Muslims throughout the world. He stated: Why are governments ruling in Islamic countries afraid of International Jerusalem Day? Why do they create adventures every year on the eve of Jerusalem Day in Lebanon and other places? Do they not say they are Islamic, at least outwardly? Why do they refuse to proclaim Jerusalem Day and its implications? Because the proclamation of this day can bring about days like the 5 June and 11 February in all Islamic countries, and these governments sense this danger. They are scared of slogans relating to Israel, and they play tricks so as to sit at roundtable negotiations with Israel and to extend the hegemony of the United States and Israel with the aim of completely uprooting Islam. The declaration of International Jerusalem Day means that all these conspiracies will be neutralized.

The prime minister addressed the rulers of Islamic countries, stating: It is not in your interest to be the helpless servants of superpowers or sit at roundtable negotiations with these criminal Zionists, thus guaranteeing this U.S. (?observation) toward Israel. Such a stand will destroy you. Just take a look at the fate of the criminal shah, and Al-Sadat. Muslims have not died and Islam is in the process of resurgence: every criminal's hand that is stretched toward Israel will not go unnoticed by Muslims.

In conclusion, the prime minister, while referring to the point that if we are to pay attention to the aspirations of goals of the war we will see that these are the same objectives that our people pursued on 5 June, stated: We are fighting on behalf of all Islamic nations. We cannot compromise over principles. Today stands as a sensitive and destiny-making point for the Islamic revolution throughout the world, and our nation stands by this principle with their lives. [sentence as heard] Our nation does not do things by halves; this nation will continue its struggle to the end of the path. The Iranian nation declares that it accepts martyrdom but does not accept compromise over Islamic principles.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2,493

LD061842 Tehran IRNA in English 1759 GMT 6 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 6, IRNA — An Iraqi war plane crashed over Iraqi as it was hit by anti-aircraft fire of Iranian Muslim combatants in Al-Faw Peninsula at 07:12 (03:42 hours GMT) Friday [6 June], said a military communique.

The Joint Staff Communique Number 2493 said that Iranian jet fighters heavily bombed concentration centers of Iraqi troops on Al-Faw-Basra axis at 30:19 north and 48:15 east coordinates, at 06:40 hours (3:10 hours GMT) Friday. The Iranian fighters after successfully carrying out their mission returned safely to their bases the communique said.

The communique said that Iranian naval ships shelled Iraq's oil platform of Khor al-Amaya and enemy sea crafts in Khur Abdullah water way Thursday inflicting heavy casualties and losses on them.

Two Iranian civilians were wounded when Iraqi artillery fire hit the city of Piranshahr in West Azarbayjan Province Thursday, the Communique said. At least 30 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and three enemy munitions dumps, seven vehicles with crew and munitions, one 81 mm mortar launcher and 10 gun emplacements destroyed in Bayat and Zobeydah as artillery fire of Iranian Gendarmerie forces hit them.

In Hajj 'Umran Sardasht and Marivan, the communique said, Muslim forces of Iran responded to Iraqi artillery fire and despatched patrol units, killing a large number of Iraqi soldiers, destroying parts of their positions and setting fire to one enemy munitions dump. Iraqi artillery fire was also silenced throughout these fronts. In Marivan in Kordestan Province, the communique said, Iranian patrol units clashed with Iraqi units, but managed to return safely after collecting needed intelligence.

According to the communique the exchange of sporadic artillery fire continued in the western fronts raging [words indistinct] in Mehran. It added that Iranian Muslim forces checked movements of Iraqi motorized and armoured units in Mehran. Artillery fire of Muslim forces of Iran on Iraqi positions in the southern fronts demolished several Iraqi bunkers and exploded one of their munitions dump, said the communique. On Thursday, the Iraqi long range artillery fire hit the city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province inflicting damage on some quarters.

Bombers Raid Mehran

LD070619 Tehran IRNA in English 0615 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 7, IRNA — Iranian fighter-bombers hit Iraqi troop concentrations in Mehran, western front, Saturday morning, a joint staff statement said here. It added that the bombing was carried out at 05:40 hours local time (02:10 GMT) in an area in Mehran with coordinates of 23.07 degrees north and 46.11 east. All the Iranian fighter-bombers returned safely to their bases, the statement said.

Communique No 2,494

LD071625 Tehran IRNA in English 1613 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 7, IRNA — Iranian fighter bombers pounded concentration centers of Iraqi armoured units in Mehran operational region at 23.07 North and 46.11 east coordinates, at 05:40 hours (0210 hours GMT) Saturday, said a military communique. After successfully carrying out their mission the fighters safely returned to their bases, and said the Communique Number 2494 released by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces. The communique said Iranian Muslim combatants in a combat-patrol mission infiltrated Iraqi positions and clashed with enemy troops in Hajj 'Umran Friday killing 50 Iraqi soldiers and capturing another.

Iraqi positions and vehicle columns carrying personnel and heavy engineering machinery in the southern fronts were shelled by Iranian combatants Friday as a result of which 20 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and one munitions dump, one heavy vehicle with crew and several observations posts of theirs demolished, said the communique. According to the communique at least 11 Iraqi soldiers were killed and four gun emplacements destroyed in Zobeydeh and Bayat when they were shelled by Iranian Gendarmerie forces. Muslim forces of Iran, the communique said, opened heavy fire on supply convoys and engineering vehicles of Iraqi forces in the northwestern fronts killing or wounding a number of them and destroying seven bases, three tanks, four munitions dumps and several vehicles. They also prevented enemy from landing reinforcement in Hajj 'Umran.

Exchange of artillery fire continued in the western fronts raging more heavily in Sumar and Mehran as a result of which a large number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and three observation posts, two heavy vehicles and one muntiions dump destroyed, the communique said. Two Iraqi patrol units attempting to penetrate Iranian positions in Sumar were heavily shelled and forced to flee after sustaining casualties and losses. The city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was the tagret of Iraqi artillery and mortar fire Friday during which some houses and shops were damaged.

130 Iraqi Casualties at Hajj 'Umran

LD071628 Tehran IRNA in English 1619 GMT 7 Jun 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, June 7, IRNA — Muslim combatants of Iran Friday killed or wounded more than 130 Iraqi soldiers in an infiltration operation of enemy positions in Hajj 'Umran operational region, some 100 kilometers northest of Irbil. The Iranian Muslim combatants took one enemy soldier prisoner. Iraqi positions in the operations were totally demolished, and the Iranian combatants returned safely to their bases after successfully carrying out their mission.

7 June Military Operations

LD082035 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] The Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in its communique [no number as heard] released tonight congratulated the nation on the occasion of the blessed 'Id al-Fitr and announced the following:

Over the past 24 hours, our forces returned the enemy's artillery fire on the northwestern front and destroyed parts of the aggressive enemy's defensive positions. A number of enemy soldiers were killed. Two ammunition depots and five heavy and light vehicles belonging to the Iraqi forces were set on fire by the combatants of Islam. In Mehran operational theater, one of the vehicles of the Iraqi engineer forces was completely destroyed. In Sumar operational theater, patrol groups from the Ba'thist enemy's forces intended to infiltrate our positions; but our forces opened fire, and the group suffered some casualties and was forced to retreat.

On the southern front, the forces of Islam continued to establish and consolidate their defensive positions, opened fire on enemy positions and fortifications, and sent out patrol groups to infiltrate Iraq's defensive positions, successfully capturing a few enemy soldiers and surveying the enemy's capabilities and disposition.

In Nahr-Anbar operation theater, our forces kept a motorized column of the Saddamists under check and set fire to one of their ammunition dumps. Gendarmerie warriors stationed on the southern front returned the enemy fire, attacking enemy units and support roads, destroying about 10 heavy and light weapons emplacements, 3 engineering and support vehicles and 1 tanker. At least 15 Iraqi Ba'thist aggressors were killed or wounded. The city of Abadan remained under the enemy's long-range artillery fire during the past 24 hours and sustained some damage.

Communique No 2,495

LD082223 Tehran IRNA in English 2102 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 8, IRNA — Iran's Gendarmerie forces subjected Iraqi units and supply routes to artillery fire in the southern war fronts, destroying ten weapon emplacements, three engineering vehicles and a tanker-truck. The Gendarmerie forces also killed at least 15 Iraqi soldiers, according to a military communique released here Sunday [8 June].

Communique number 2495 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces said Iran's Muslim combatants shelled Iraqi positions and fortifications in border fronts of Bakhtaran and Ilam, inflicting heavy damage on the enemy.

Over the past 24 hours, the communique said, the Muslim combatants shelled Iraqi defense positions in northwestern fronts killing a number of Iraqi troops. Two munitions depots as well as five vehicles were destroyed in the area.

Muslim combatants Saturday reconnoitered and carefully checked Iraqi motorized movements in 'Kalaleh' operational region. An Iraqi engineering vehicle was demolished in Mehran operational region. In Sumar, Muslim combatants shelled an Iraqi patrol unit attempting to infiltrate their positions. The Iraqi patrol was forced to flee with casualties.

In Mehran and Kani-Sheikh operational regions, the Iranian Muslim fighters shelled Iraqi movements of motorized columns as well as movements of the enemy's artillery units.

In southern fronts, the Muslim combatants continued strengthening their positions and shelling iIaqi fortifications. the communique said. It added that Muslim combatants sent reconnaissance patrol units to the defense regions of the enemy. It said that the Muslim combatants of Iran set ablaze a munitions depot of the enemy of the area.

Meanwhile, the city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province was hit by Iraqi long-range artillery fire.

Iraq Planes Attack Hamadan

LD082135 Tehran IRNA in English 2059 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] Hamadan, June 8, IRNA — Iraqi warplanes attacked a communication center near Hamadan, 334 kms southwest of Tehran, Sunday damaging an antenna. Experts in the telecommunication company said the damage has cut telephone and telex links with foreign countries. Repair work is under way and the damage is expected to be cleared soon. The telecommunication company also called on its customers to refrain from calling abroad until further notice.

Iraqi Positions Near Al-Faw-Basra Hit

LD082141 Tehran IRNA in English 2111 GMT 8 Jun 86

[Text] Abadan, Khuzestan Prov., June 8, IRNA — The Islamic Republic of Iran's jet fighters bombarded Iraq's artillery, positions and group bunkers near Al-Faw-Basra road opposite the Minu Island at 18:03 hours (1433 GMT) Sunday.

Columns of heavy smoke darkened the region, after the Iranian jets bombed the positions, according to the Joint Staff Command. Iranian jet fighters returned to their bases safely after they had successfully carried out their mission inflicting heavy casualties and damage on the enemy forces. Iraqi positions were at coordinates 30.19 degrees North and 48-14 degrees East.